

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant Toshihiro Tsukada Art Unit: 2625
Serial No.: 09/942,828 Examiner: Yixing Qin
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Title: Printing Apparatus, Data Storage Medium, Interface Device, Printer Control Method, and Interface Control Method

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (IF REQUIRED)**

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated December 31, 2007, applicant(s) hereby elect Group I, namely claims 1-3, 17-19, and 21 for prosecution at this time. If necessary, applicants reserve the right to present the remaining claims in a divisional application at the appropriate time.

Applicant(s) believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant(s) have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fee for such extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 19-2746.

Respectfully submitted,

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